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For: SLEEVE FOR PIG-TAILING OPTICAL FIBER

Examiner Omar Z. Hindi

FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (2 MONTHS) TO REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action dated be extended two months to 25 February 2003, under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No extension had been previously requested.

Payment of the \$410.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. Authorization is given to increase or decrease the amount on the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form should the amount stated thereon be incorrect.

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